

TOWN OF MAYNARD

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Select Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 4, 2021 Room 201, Town Hall Time: 7:00 pm

Maynard

A motion was made by Select Board ______ to approve the Level 1 Water Use Restrictions: A Non-Essential Outdoor Water Use Restriction to be enforced starting May 5, 2021 through October 1, 2021

As stated in the Special Condition 8 of the Massachusetts Water Management Acts permits (MGL C 21G) the Town of Maynard is required to implement a Non-Essential Outdoor Water Use Restriction to be enforced starting May 5, 2021 through October 1, 2021. Therefore, the Town is implementing Level 1 Water Use Restrictions.

Under Level 1 Water Use Restrictions, <u>non-essential outdoor water use is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM</u>. The hourly restriction is to promote smart water use and to be in compliance with our drinking water withdrawal permit. Also, to lessen the loss of water evaporated from irrigation systems. The hourly restriction also benefits the town's water system that is trying to meet peak demand. Water use, much like electricity, has peak days and hours. Watering in the early morning or at night will ease this concern.

Examples of non-essential outdoor water uses include, but is not limited to:

- Uses that are not required for health or safety reasons;
- Irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems;
- Washing of vehicles other than by means of a commercial car wash, except as necessary for operator safety; and
- Washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks, except as necessary to apply paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement.

Examples of acceptable outdoor water uses include:

- Irrigation to establish a new lawn during the months of May and September;
- Irrigation of lawns, gardens, flowers, and ornamental plants via hand-held hoses only; and

• Irrigation of public parks and recreational fields before 9 am and after 5 pm.